Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

3167. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have received any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for leveraging the annual allocation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for Rs. 900 crores;

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto;

(c) the reasons for inordinate delay in clearing the above said proposal; and

(d) the time by when this request of the Andhra Pradesh Government is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (d) The Central Road Fund Act does not at present provide for leveraging of the Cess to raise resources for construction and maintenance of rural roads by the State Governments.

Setting up of laboratories for water testing in Tamil Nadu

3168. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up water quality monitoring and surveillance system;

(b) if so, whether Government are providing any assistance for setting up of stationary as well as mobile water testing laboratories in all district headquarters;

(c) if so, the details of such laboratory set up in Tamil Nadu along with the funds provided by Central Government; and

(d) the guidelines by Central Government to State Governments for routine analysis of water samples for their physio-chemical and microbial quality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) and (b) Drinking Water Supply is a State Subject. The Government of India renders financial and technical assistance to the States in this endeavour through a